

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: 21 December 2005

Division: Growth Management

Bulk Item: Yes X No

Department: Marine Resources

Staff Contact: George Garrett

AGENDA ITEM WORDING:

A resolution directing staff to work with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation (FWC) and request rulemaking to prohibit anchoring of masted vessels in the vicinity of the power lines in Pine Channel.

ITEM BACKGROUND:

Keys Energy Services staff met with staff on 3 October 2005 to request assistance from Monroe County Department of Marine Resources in addressing the life/safety issue of sailboats dragging into the high voltage power transmission lines crossing Pine Channel. Marine Resources staff met with FWC legal staff on 30 November 2005 and mutually determined that rulemaking by FWC to regulate anchoring is the appropriate course of action.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

N/A

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS;

Approval

TOTAL COST: N/A

BUDGETED: Yes No

COST TO COUNTY: N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes No x **AMOUNT Per Month** **Year**

APPROVED BY: County Atty X OMB/Purchasing N/A Risk Management N/A

DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL: Timothy McGarry, Director of Growth Management

DOCUMENTATION: Included To Follow Not Required X

DISPOSITION:

AGENDA ITEM NO.:

RESOLUTION NO. -2005

A RESOLUTION BY THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING
RULEMAKING BY THE FLORIDA FISH AND
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO
PROTECT HUMAN LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY IN
PINE CHANNEL.

WHEREAS, the Utility Board of the City of Key West, Florida provides electricity to the people of the Florida Keys through Keys Energy Services; and

WHEREAS, the main source of power for the Lower Keys flows through the high voltage power transmission lines along US1 Highway; and

WHEREAS, the high voltage power transmission line along Pine Channel, and the distribution built below the transmission line, have been hit by sailboat masts; and

WHEREAS, at least seven incidents since 1998 have disrupted power flow to the Lower Keys community; and

WHEREAS, a disruption in power flow creates public safety concerns for more than 28,000 customers that Keys Energy Services provides power to; and

WHEREAS, the striking of a high voltage power transmission line by a vessel is substantially likely to cause death or serious injury to any person on board the vessel.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

The Board of County Commissioners directs staff to work with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to prohibit the anchoring of sailboats and other masted vessels in Pine Channel in the vicinity of the high voltage power transmission lines.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida
at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2005.

Mayor Charles "Sonny" McCoy _____
Mayor Pro Tem Murray Nelson _____
Commissioner George Neugent _____
Commissioner David Rice _____
Commissioner Dixie Spehar _____

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY _____
Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST: DANNY L. KOLHAGE, CLERK

DEPUTY CLERK

